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### **29th DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PRISON IN LAC COURTE OREILLES DRUG INVESTIGATION**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Yvonne M. Dennis, DOB: 6/8/68, of the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation near Hayward, Wisconsin, was sentenced today in United States District Court in Madison. Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb sentenced Dennis to two years in federal prison without parole.

From approximately January 2001 to the end of October 2002, members of the Latin King gang paid Dennis approximately 1.5 grams of crack cocaine per week and, in return, gang members cooked, packaged, and sold crack cocaine to customers who were sent to her residence on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation. The evidence established that approximately 80-100 customers per day came to the residence to purchase crack cocaine.

In sentencing Dennis, Chief Judge Crabb commented on the devastation brought to the Reservation from the scourge of drug dealing given the large numbers of people involved as sellers and users. Judge Crabb stated that by making her house available to the Latin Kings, Dennis clearly helped sustain the gang's large-scale drug activity on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation.

Twenty-eight other defendants have previously been sentenced to prison as a result of this long-term investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, and the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department. Four other defendants are presently pending sentencing: (1) Rebecca R. Corbine - 6/23/05 at 1:00 p.m.; (2) Jacqueline R. Martinson - 8/3/05 at 1:00 p.m.; (3) Candace Radermacher - 8/10/05 at 1:00 p.m.; and (4) Spring Lasieur Acosta - 8/19/05 at 1:00 p.m. Finally, eleven members of the Latin King Nation were indicted on March 22, 2005, and are scheduled for a September 12 trial. The prosecution of these cases has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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